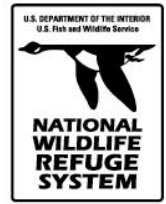


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PRESS RELEASE

GUAM NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CELEBRATION

Have you ever spotted a flock of birds soaring across Guam's skies, or perhaps a large white bird or two standing on a patch of green grass, and wondered if they were native to Guam? You are not alone. These birds are quite possibly our seasonal winged visitors. Migratory birds frequent the island throughout different times of the year, and the Guam National Wildlife Refuge is one of many important stopover sites for several of these feathered travelers. In celebration of these birds and the importance of stopover sites such as Guam, the Guam National Wildlife Refuge is inviting visitors of all ages to participate in this year's International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) celebration.

This year's International Migratory Bird Day environmental message is "Helping Birds along the Way". You can learn more about this event at the Environment for the Americas website: <http://www.environmentamericas.org/imbd/>.

The Guam National Wildlife Refuge staff and volunteers will be conducting various family friendly activities in celebration of IMBD on Saturday, May 13, 2017. From bird-themed games to educational trail tours, there will be activities the entire family can enjoy. Bring the whole family and invite some friends, for a wonderful day outdoors.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

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| 9 ~ 11 A.M | Cave Tour to Pictograph Caves (Pre-registration required for this activity) * |
| 9 ~ 11 A.M. | Beach Cleanup – Individuals/Groups welcome; volunteer forms required |
| 9 A.M. ~ 12:30 P.M. | Latte Village Tour (Pre-registration required for this activity) * |
| 10:30 A.M. ~ 12:00 P.M. | Native Plant Walk (Pre-registration required for this activity) * |
| 12:00 ~ 1:30 P.M. | Cave Tour to Pictograph Caves (Pre-registration required for this activity) * |
| 1:30 P.M. ~ 3:00 P.M. | Native Plant Walk (Pre-registration required for this activity) * |

*Pre-register by calling 355-5096/5097

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Nature Center Building Activities

- Avoiding Hazards: Bird Migration Game – variation on a croquet game
- What is Hidden in the Trees? – learn basic binocular use
- Coloring and Painting Activities – including bird silhouettes
- Short Video Presentations – various videos on birds and natural resources will be playing throughout the day

Also, additional activities by featured guests:

- Coconut Frond Weaving – weaving of birds and other animals; instruction by Sinot Joseph Babauta, Department of Education, Maestro CHamoru Language and Culture Program
- Bird Migration Presentation (**12:00 – 1:00 P.M.**) – presentation by Joe Mancuso of the Audubon Society

Note: The Refuge closes on days that the National Weather Service issues a High Surf Advisory; otherwise events will be held rain or shine.

For more information contact (671) 355-5096, or go to www.fws.gov/refuge/Guam/.

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